

MEDICAL LINKAGE APPLICATION
INTERNAL APPLICATION DEADLINES AND CHECKLIST 2024-2025

Deadline I: Monday, September 30, 2024 at noon

- The components of the online application are biographical and academic information, a photograph, resume, essays, work and activities entries, and the universal waiver for letters of recommendation.
- Documentation of at least 90 hours of clinical work to date. Students must complete 120 hours of clinical work by the end of December 2024.
- Submission of the linkage program essay by this date is optional (it must be submitted by noon on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024).
- *AAMC ID number:* To complete the online application, prospective medical school applicants must provide their AAMC ID number. An AAMC ID number can be acquired at any time. To register with the AAMC, click the *Sign In* link in the top-right of the AMCAS home page (aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/) then click *Register for an AAMC Account* and complete and submit the on-line registration form.

§ When registering for an AAMC ID or for the MCAT, students should be vigilant about the name under which they register. The name on the ID documents presented at the test site must match the registration name exactly. *J. Mary Smith* is not the same as *Mary Smith* or *Jane Mary Smith*.

§§ Those who submit a linkage application by the deadline will subsequently receive instructions to schedule a portfolio review during the fall semester.

Deadline II: Monday, December 2, 2024 at noon

- Letters of recommendations from all recommenders (except fall 2024 term faculty) must be received by this date.
- A pdf of a completed draft of the AMCAS application, including:
 - Grades
 - Work & Activities entries
 - Personal statement
- The linkage program essay, formatted according to the guidelines found in the document entitled “Internal Application Uploads and Essays” (if not previously submitted).

§§ Prospective linkage nominees, having initiated their AMCAS applications for 2025 by this date, should have their transcripts (with the exception of Columbia) submitted to AMCAS accompanied by the Transcript Request Form. The Columbia transcript should be ordered only once fall 2024 grades have been recorded (probably in early January 2025).

Notification of nomination for linkage: by Friday, January 17, 2025

- Pending receipt of fall grades.
- Nominees will receive application instructions and a timeline.

Deadline to accept a linkage nomination: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 (except where a linkage school may require an earlier decision.)

Deadline to submit letters of recommendation for Fall 2024 faculty: Friday, January 24, 2025 (except where instructed otherwise.)

§§§ When you submit AMCAS as a linkage nominee, select the letter type “Committee Letter” in the Letters of Evaluation section of AMCAS and title this “Columbia University Premedical Committee Letter.” As the primary author, list your premedical advisor in the form *Dean [first name] [last name]*. The Committee Letter will encompass not only the letter written by the Premedical Committee, but also a selection of the individual letters of recommendation on file in the Premedical Office. There is no need therefore to list the individual letters in your file or to select the “Letter Packet” option.